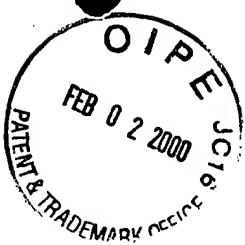


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
HIROTO OKAWARA ) : Examiner: Christensen, A.  
Application No.: 08/877,728 ) : Group Art Unit: 2712  
Filed: June 18, 1997 ) :  
For: IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS )

Date: February 2, 2000

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 2, 1999,  
the date for responding to which has been extended by the  
accompanying Petition for Extension of Time to and including  
February 2, 2000, kindly amend the above-identified  
application as follows: